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TO: The Director, Architecture & Interoperability Directorate and Deputy  
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FROM: Chair, DoD EA Congruence Community of Practice (DoD EAC CoP)

SUBJECT: DoD Enterprise Architecture (DoD EA) Reference Model

Under the leadership of the DoD EAC CoP, the alignment of the DoD EA with the Federal Enterprise Architecture Reference Model (FEA RM) was accomplished by creating a set of DoD EA Reference Models (DoD EA RMs). The DoD EAC CoP actions support DoD transformation goals including interoperability, net-centricity, and effective resource utilization.

The National Defense mission is extremely complex and challenging, particularly in light of the Department's transformation goals to integrate enterprise architectures and focus on joint, cross cutting and transformational initiatives while fighting a war against terrorists. To most expeditiously and effectively fulfill any element of this mission, a DoD stakeholder needs to know about related and applicable activities, resources, capabilities, organizations, knowledge bases, policies, processes and standards. Establishing one-to-one relationships between all of these knowledge points directly is impossible yet is very achievable when done indirectly through a standardized DoD EA RM.

When consistently institutionalized and applied across the Department, the DoD EA RM can be a tool that profoundly increases vital information sharing within and between DoD's pillar processes. Just as the Dewey Decimal indexing and classification system made knowledge accessible in libraries across the world, so can the development and widespread use of a uniform, DoD EA RM to substantially increase cohesion and alignment of information resources across the Department.

We look forward to working in concert with DoD Mission Areas to further evolve and continue to maintain the DoD EA RM as a tool for enabling DoD transformation.

Very Respectfully,

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